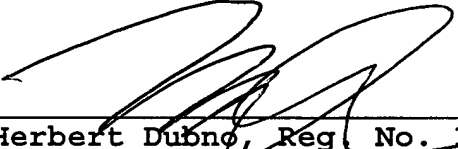


This preliminary amendment is submitted to provide the cross reference of the present US phase of PCT/DE2003/022263 to the international application, according to Rule 78, and to eliminate multiple claim dependencies.

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